

1397

Ashbrook, Lester A 83

CONF001252

DYKES_I_001242

APPENDIX A

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION, and STATISTICAL SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date July 22, 1983

Full name Lester A. Ashbrook
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 2484 Whipple Road. Route #5

City Delaware State Ohio Zip Code 43015

Date of birth 4/52 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

Religion Unknown Nationality American

Occupation factory worker, Grumman Corporation, Delaware, Ohio

Education Unknown

Weight 200 lbs. Height 5 ft. 10 inches Race Caucasian

Color of hair Blonde Color of eyes Blue

Outstanding characteristics or interests Interest in Order of the Arrow

Married or single single Children N/A
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name N/A

Scouting connections:

<u>Unit No.</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date registered</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
Troop 3	Galena	Ohio	Assistant Scoutmaster	1st time-12/78 2/83	-
Special recognition _____					

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons:

Homosexual overture with former Scout in troop. We have signed statement from Scout.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

NOTED

OCT 3 '83

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Robert A. Faris

Signed Robert A. Faris, Dir. of Camping
for SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Central Ohio #441

F. STARON

JUL 25 1983

CONF001253

DYKES_I_001243

October 31, 1983

Mr. B. W. Ussery
Scout Executive
Central Ohio Council, No. 441

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Lester A. Ashbrook

Dear Ben:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

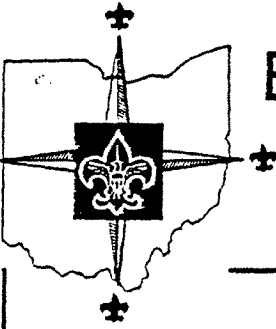
Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration Subscription &
Statistical Service

eko

cc: East Central Region

CONF001254

DYKES_I_001244



Boy Scouts of America

Central Ohio Council #441

1901 East Dublin-Granville Road
Columbus, Ohio 43229
Telephone (614) 436-7200

August 5, 1983

Mr. Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration and Subscription Service
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75062-1296

Dear Paul:

Enclosed are signed letters from three individuals, as you requested in your letter of July 28, 1983, regarding Lester Ashbrook. Additionally, enclosed is a copy of the letter to him from the Troop Committee, and a letter from our office informing him that he is suspended from the Boy Scouts of America.

No arrests or publicity has taken place. If I receive any additional material, I will forward it on to you.

Sincerely,

CENTRAL OHIO COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Robert A. Faris
Director of Camping

RAF/hm

Enclosures



A United
Way Agency

Service to youth in Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Fayette, Highland, Hocking, Madison, Pickaway, and Union Counties is made possible by contributions to United Way and the Sustaining Membership Enrollment Program.

AUG 8 1983

CONF001255

DYKES_I_001245

July 28, 1983

Mr. B. W. Ussery
Scout Executive
Central Ohio Council, No. 441

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: LESTER A. ASHBROOK

Dear Ben:

We recently received a Confidential Record Sheet from your office for Lester Ashbrook. No other material was attached to the record sheet.

We would like more information concerning this situation. You indicated that you have a signed statement from the Scout involved with Mr. Ashbrook. If you will send this to us this will aid us in strengthening our file so that registration can be refused in the future.

Please, also, send us any other statements from individuals or a summary of the situation as you know it. A statement from one individual against another is very weak and, therefore, causes us problems in placing an individual on the file permanently.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions concerning this matter. We would like as much information as possible in order to strengthen our files. If an arrest has taken place, newspaper clippings or a court record would be most helpful.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

sah

cc: East Central Region

CONF001256

DYKES_I_001246

12202. 7/22/83

July 20, 1983

LESTER ASHBROOK
2484 Whipple Road
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Mr. Ashbrook,

At this time we wish to inform you, effective immediately, that your services are no longer needed, nor will they be accepted as an adult leader or member of Troop 300.

If you have any questions concerning this action, please contact Mr. Ben Ussery at the Central Ohio Council Office, or John Burkholder, Attorney for the Central Ohio Council.

Sincerely,

BILL SHERBOURNE
Scouting Coordinator

Wm. C. Sherbourne

RICHARD DIEHL
Committee Chairman

Richard Diehl

Copy to:
B. Ussery
J. Burkholder
B. Baughman

CONF001257

DYKES_I_001247

July 21, 1983

Mr. Lester A. Ashbrook
2484 Whipple Road
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Dear Mr. Ashbrook:

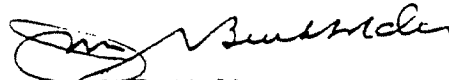
After CAREful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are, therefore, compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America.

You should understand that Boy Scouts of America leadership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not measure up to the high standards of leadership which the Boy Scouts of America seeks to provide for American youth. Please also understand that this decision and the reasons for it will be maintained as confidential.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA leader should be granted or reinstated.

Sincerely yours,

CENTRAL OHIO COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA


John C. Burkholder
Vice President/Legal Counsel

JCB/hm

CONF001258

DYKES_I_001248

July 21, 00

Gentlemen:

This is in regard to Hester Ashbrook and my two sons, [REDACTED] who belong to troop 300

I have witnessed Hester out of control, not just a temper fit, but struck me more as a jealous rage. Just because two brothers and my son [REDACTED] and his girlfriend went to the movies. This is when I began to realize that there might be a problem with Hester. I requested that Hester be kept away from my sons at scout meetings and scout functions. My youngest son, [REDACTED] tells me that he is glad Hester won't be around them because he (Hester) is always wanting to hug him and pull him close to him. [REDACTED] has also stated that Hester has tried to hug him.

Hester came to me very upset because I wouldn't allow him around my sons.

CONF001259

DYKES_I_001249

We talk and he tells me some things from his past, which I found disturbing. He also proceeds to tell me, and I quote him on this:

"I shouldn't tell you this, (makes this remark to me 3 times before he continues). but I love [REDACTED] this remark I will never forget. I believe Kester meant exactly what he said and it wasn't like a father loving a son.

Because [REDACTED] wasn't doing exactly what he thought he should be doing, he threatens him by telling him that if he doesn't do right he will fix him or that no one will ever have anything to do with him again.

I hope after reading this you will understand why I feel this is a very serious situation with Kester Ashbrook. If there are any guests you wish to ask me in regard to this letter or anything else, I can be reached at [REDACTED] Respectfully [REDACTED]

CONF001260

DYKES_I_001250

My name is [REDACTED], I work at
(Flexible with Lester Ashbrook. Due to a incident
involving my nephew [REDACTED], Lester told
me that by threatening [REDACTED] not to be
caught smoking again, he would tell every-
one that he (Lester) was a homosexual and
that he and [REDACTED] had had an affair, and
that he would do exactly that if he'd
ever smoke again,
[REDACTED]

CONF001261

DYKES_I_001251

This is my statement about
the actions that Lester Ashbrook
took with me approximately 5 to 6
years ago. I was about 14 or 15
when I met Lester through scouting.
He used to go on camp outs with
our scout troop (300) and even sometimes
come ^{to} and talk to my dad about
scouting and stuff.

I got to know him better
when he started taking me to
movies that I wanted to see,

CONF001262

DYKES_I_001252

sometimes just me and him and
sometimes with others.

One night just him and I went
to SEE a movie and we got on
the subject of driving his car
and van. I ~~asked~~ ~~not~~ ask him
if I could drive it and he
agreed. This seemed really neat
because I was only 15 years old
at the time. As I was driving
I almost hit another car as
we were going around the corner.
That's that I was so scared ~~I~~

CONF001263

DYKES_I_001253

that I let him drive, and
nothing else happened that
night.

A couple of weeks later
we went to see another
movie, but this time it was
at a drive-in and also
we were in the van this
time instead of the car. I
was un-comfortable sitting in the
front seat so we ~~we~~ moved
to the back seat ~~where~~ which
was folded down so we could

CONF001264

DYKES_I_001254

lay on it. I had no ~~intention~~
idea about what was about
to happen. Nor did I have any intention
about it either. - We were both
lying on the folded down seat
and watching the movie. I
was so involved in watching
the movie that I didn't know
what he was doing for a
couple minutes. When I finally
realized what was happening, he
had unsipped my pants and
was feeling around. I was

CONF001265

DYKES_I_001255

so shocked that I just told
him ~~to~~ not to do it, then I slipped
my pants back up and tried
to watch the rest of the
movie. Nothing else happened
while we were at the movie
but I was so upset that
I just sat there and acted
like I was watching the
movie. Nothing like this ~~had~~
~~never~~ happened to me before.
I knew it must be wrong
but never having it be done

CONF001266

DYKES_I_001256

16
to me before, I was confused.
On the way home, we got on to
a back road and next thing I
knew I was driving again. I
can't remember if I ask him to
drive or if he had asked me ~~that~~.
But, as I was ~~was~~ driving, he
was kneeling beside me. I thought
he was just there to help me
drive ^{in case} ~~I~~ I needed help. ~~again~~
But then he started playing
with me again. I was so
shocked that I lost control

CONF001267

DYKES_I_001257

of the car for a moment, but
he grabbed a hold of the
curb and pulled the car back on
the road. I told him to stop
and started driving again. But
he continued to play with me.
I honestly didn't know what to
do ^{because} ~~because~~ he ~~he~~ just didn't stop.
Finally, I ask him to drive
again, because if he was driving,
he couldn't do those things to
me ~~any more~~ anymore. ~~For~~ when
we got to my house I just

CONF001268

DYKES_I_001258

I agree to testify when necessary



7/19/83

said boy and went in. To my
knowledge nothing like that ever
happened to me again by him or
any body else. I've tried so
hard to forget what happened that
I never even told my parents.
I realize now that something needs
to be done] to prevent this from happening to someone
so I wrote what
I could remember. I do remember
that I did nothing to provoke this
in any way and I'll be damned
if any body tries that with
me again.

CONF001269

DYKES_I_001259